

From the high mountains of Kurdistan.  
From Mustansa University in Baghdad  
From the Holy City of Najaf  
From the desert of Romadi  
From the Port of Basra  
From the Rensselaer County Jail:

To all of you and all the peace activists and justice lovers everywhere:

Iraq is where the first law was written for equality and human rights, in Babylon 3000 years ago. Baghdad used to be called the City of Peace and the Capital of Knowledge. Now there is no law in Iraq. There is no peace in Baghdad. There are no rights for Iraqis. This war destroyed human dignity and Iraqi beauty.

Ten years of sanctions cost us 2 2 million children. Then Mr. Tony Blair said we were wrong - the embargo did not weaken Saddam, but rather the people of Iraq. He was wrong but who will bring back the 2 1/2 million children? After 3 yrs of war and 700,000 innocents dead, President Bush said he was wrong - there were no weapons of mass destruction in Iraq. He was wrong but who will bring back 700,000 innocents lives?

Iraq people are begging you: enough!. Stop bombing us. Stop destroying our houses. Stop demolishing our schools. Stop breaking down our hospitals. Stop cutting off our roads. Stop terrorizing our children. We have nothing to do with terrorism. We want to live free. We want to have peace. We are not your enemy. Iraqi kids are begging you for milk and kindergarten Iraqi youth are calling on you to destroy Abu Graib and build a university for them. Iraqi women want their husbands back The people of Iraq are looking for medicine. The Iraqi people are telling you that war not made their lives better, and has not made your lives here any safer. It has not build a bridge between East and West, and has not taken us anywhere except to hell. Please do everything you can to stop it. We love you.

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